

Main Street Area Survey
(Willson-Walker House)
30 North Main Street
Lexington (independent city)
Virginia

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
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Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Lexington (independent city)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Willson-Walker House (recorded as part of the Main Street Area Survey)		HABS NO. VA-897-E
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 30 North Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1820	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Integral part of Lexington's historic Main Street. Built for Captain William Willson, a local merchant, postmaster, and treasurer of Washington College. Fine example of the Greek Revival influence.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; 2 stories; gable roof (ridge perpendicular to street); 3-bay front; 2-story pedimented portico		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Temple-style portico with balcony at second story level; elliptical window in pediment of portico; one entrance has transom; other entrance has transom and fanlight. (the fanlight design being made up of elongated heart shapes) and columns flanking the door		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES ca. 1911 converted from a residence to a storeroom, at which time the original door and window arrangement was changed		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE As of 1977, the building was known as the White Column Inn.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Lyle, Royster, Jr. and Simpson, Pamela. <u>The Architecture of Historic Lexington</u> . 1977.		
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